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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Masahiro IWAKURA

Application No.: 10/019,409

I.A. Filing Date: March 31, 2000

§ 371 Filing Date: December 28, 2001

For: SULFUR ATOM-FREE ENZYME  
PROTEINS

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**AMENDMENT**

Applicant now files a Request for Continued Examination and requisite fee, along with this Amendment. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2004 ("Final Action").

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at pages 2 to 7.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendments section of this paper at page 8.